(d) if so, property-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Setting up/construction of hotels is capital intensive with a long gestation period and primarily, a private sector activity. Ministry of Tourism is in regular touch with the State/Union Territory Governments & other land owning agencies for creating 'Land Banks' for hotels, allotting land for hotels on Joint Venture/revenue sharing basis, adopting Single Window Clearance, increasing Floor Area Ratio (FAR).

As per the information received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, the State has identified five sites which are being offered to the private sector for setting up tourism related activities at Baddi (Distt. Solan), Jhatingri (Distt. Mandi), Bilaspur (Bilaspur), 15 Miles Baragaon Manali (Distt. Kullu) & Shpja Banjar (Distt. Kullu). In addition, the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has also identified three cafes for disinvestment which are located at Abshar at Solan, Bhairav at Baijnath (Kangra) and Geetanjali (Chamba).

Yatri niwas type hotels

3195. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to build Yatri Niwas type hotels before the Commonwealth Games, 2010;

(b) if so, details thereof with approximate rooms likely to be constructed; and

(c) the plans of Government to introduce new tourist circles during the Commonwealth Games, 2010?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Organizing Committee, XIXth Commonwealth Games, Delhi-2010 has set up a "Games Travel Office" which would cater to the tourism requirements and travel packages covering various tourist circuits of the country during the Games.

Tourism development proposals from Tamil Nadu

3196. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has received proposals for the development of tourism from the Government of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of the projects received;

(c) whether necessary sanctions have been granted and funds allocated; and

(d) the project-wise details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Development and promotion of places of tourist interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance every year for the Product/Infrastructure development of destinations/circuits.